

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a single replacement sheet for the Figure 3(b).

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Claim 1 to correct a minor typographical error, and has also amended the drawings by submitting a replacement sheet for the Figure 3(b) because the spring 48 which is described in the specification was omitted therefrom. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the Claim 1 and the Figure 3(b) should be entered since they do not raise any new issues or contain any new matter.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Kobler et al. in view of Otsuka et al., stating that Kobler et al. shows the invention except for the outside stationary cutters not being of a foil design with all the stationary cutters for cutting short hair and the central cutter is adjustable; Otsuka et al. discloses the utilization of outer foil blades; and it would have been obvious to provide Kobler et al. with foil blades as is done by Otsuka et al.

Applicant has carefully reviewed Kobler et al., and respectfully submits that while Kobler et al. mentions the existence of an internal cutter at column 2, line 39 and column 3, line 30, nowhere does it teach the actual construction of the inner cutter or suggest or teach that the inner cutter is floatably supported while making sliding contact with the inside surface of the outer cutter. Still further, in view of slots in the outer cutter of Kobler et al., one could not merely replace the cutters of Kobler et al. with the inner cutters of Otsuka et al. since the cutters of Otsuka et al. would project through the slots and jam.

Still further, Applicant's review of Kobler et al. indicates that the heights of the inner/outer cutter combinations is merely adjusted by means of the button 31 and further merely shows that all of the cutter units would be moved together. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Kobler et al. does not show or suggest that at least one of the cutter units would be movable between a standard position and predetermined upper or lower positions as is required by Applicant's invention.

Applicant has carefully reviewed Otsuka et al., and respectfully submits that while it may show foil blades, a floating structure of Otsuka et al. is for the cutter head with respect to the head frame. In contrast thereto, the inner cutter of Applicant's invention is floating with respect to the shaver body.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that not only is the combination suggested by the Examiner not Applicant's invention, but also the combination

suggested by the Examiner would not be suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims 1, 7 and 8 are not obvious over Kobler et al. in view of Otsuka et al.

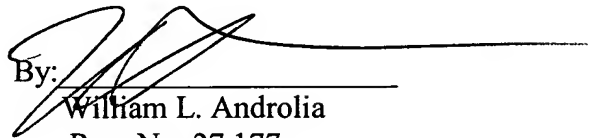
Applicant respectfully and retroactively requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, and enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$450.00 for the extension fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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